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Moden et al.

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FLUID

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08A be considered by the Examiner and made of record. The listed documents are from co-pending application Serial No. 09/531,551, filed March 20, 2000. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a).

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DOCUMENTS

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Applicants offer to supply any explanation or discussion of the documents which the Examiner feels is necessary or desirable and which is requested.

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